(a) the number of fair price shops in Delhi which are still being run on contract basis;

(b) whether the Government propose to abolish this contract system;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) No Fair Price Shop is run by Delhi Administration on contract basis.

(b) to (d). Does not arise.

**Implementation of "Bhumi Sena" Scheme**

5572. SHRI V.N. SHARMA: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to implement the scheme of "Bhumi Sena" at All India Level which was proposed by the Government of Madhya Pradesh some years back; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the ravines of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh are likely to be covered under the scheme;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (d). There is no proposal to implement any scheme like "Bhumi Sena" at All India level at present. Generation of employment opportunities, which is the primary objective of the "Bhumi Sena" scheme, is sought to be achieved through development programmes and special employment programmes.

[*English*]

**Introduction of a new Financial Instrument**

5573. SHRI RAM NARESH SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal for the introduction of a new financial instrument in the form of non-voting shares is under the consideration of the Government;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when the Government is likely to take a final decision in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) to (c). Government, in the Ministry of Finance, has set up a Study Group under the Chairmanship of Shri M.J. Pherwani. The terms of reference of the Study Group, inter alia, include "to evolve guidelines for issue of new financial instruments such as non-voting shares, zero-coupon bonds and warrants". The Study Group is yet to submit its Report.

[*Translation*]

**Fertilizer Factories in Cooperative Sector**

5574. SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the performance of each fertilizer factory in Cooperative Sector during last three years; year-wise;

(b) the amount of subsidy provided to each of them during the same period; and